

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM AND CULTURE  
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2  
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VISIT OF FOREIGN TOURISTS  
MADAN PRASAD JAISWAL

**Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of foreign tourists visited India and the foreign exchange earned therefrom during the last five years, year-wise;
- (b) the number of foreign tourists visited Bihar during the said period, year-wise;
- (c) whether the Government have formulated any plan to promote tourism in the country including Bihar; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE ( SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a): The number of foreign tourists who visited India and the foreign exchange earned through tourism during the last five years is as follows:

| Year         | Number of foreign tourists visited India | Foreign Exchange Earned |
|--------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| (in million) | (Rs. in crores)                          |                         |
| 1997         | 2.37                                     | 10,511                  |
| 1998         | 2.36                                     | 12,150                  |
| 1999         | 2.48                                     | 12,951                  |
| 2000         | 2.65                                     | 14,238                  |
| 2001         | 2.54                                     | 14,344                  |

(b): The number of visits of foreign tourists to the State of Bihar during the last five years is as follows:

| Year | Number of visits of foreign tourists to Bihar |
|------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 1997 | 1,30,375                                      |
| 1998 | 79,754                                        |
| 1999 | 76,389                                        |
| 2000 | 73,321                                        |
| 2001 | 85,673                                        |

(c) and (d): The Department of Tourism, Govt. of India has announced a National Tourism Policy-2002 with the objective of positioning tourism as a major engine of economic growth and to harness its direct and multiplier effects for employment and poverty eradication in an environmentally sustainable manner.